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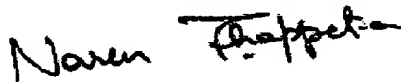
For: Distribution of Data Transfer Load
When Transmitting Layer-3 Datagrams
on a Layer-2 Network

Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Wilson, Robert

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**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 12/22/2005 and further to the telephone interview with Examiner Wilson on December 28 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants and the undersigned representative first thank Examiner Wilson for the telephone interview.

The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page number 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 20-0674.